

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Nutshedge, Bermuda grass, sand burs and other summer weeds are declining now as the temperatures cool. Applying a contact herbicide at this point may not be useful. The best control tactic is to keep more seed from germinating by trimming and mowing off developing seed heads. Sand burs can be collected by dragging a carpet remnant over the infested area.
- Be alert to a new hatch of cabbage loopers on your broccoli, cabbage and other greens. Apply a Bt product as soon as you see any holes in the foliage. Follow label instructions.
- If your landscape needs one or more new shade trees take advantage of the fall weather to select and plant them. Visit plantanswers.com for descriptions of the recommended varieties. If you are a CPS customer you can also take advantage of their shade tree rebate.
- Now is an ideal time to plant pansies, cyclamen, and plumeria for winter color. Use pansies in the sun and cyclamen and plumeria in the shade. In the vegetable garden plant spinach transplants.